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Chief Executive Officer

RESPONSE TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MOTION TO REPORT BACK ON CIVIC ART PROGRAM ORDINANCE CHANGE - SEPTEMBER 28, 2010 BOARD MEETING

On September 28, 2010, Supervisor Antonovich requested that my office report back on amending the Civic Art Program ordinance to allow \$4.7 million in funds budgeted for civic art to be utilized on urgent capital needs.

The \$4.7 million referenced above was taken from the Arts Commission's draft annual report. There was a calculation error in the draft report, and this number will be corrected in the final report to \$3.9 million. The \$3.9 million is not a reflection of current available funds in the Civic Art Budget, but instead represents a cumulative summary of civic art allocations over a number of years. This amount includes funds already expended on completed projects (\$364,444), funds for projects being implemented by the Community Development Commission (\$454,991), and funds committed for projects currently in design or construction (\$3,098,544).

An additional \$555,740 has been allocated to the Civic Art Program in Fiscal Year 2010-11 to date. Of this amount, \$351,840 has been committed to art projects. Although associated with specific capital projects, \$203,900 is currently unprogrammed.

The current Civic Art Policy, approved by your Board on December 15, 2009, does not specifically allow or prohibit the use of funds allocated for civic art from utilization for another purpose. However, the policy does allow eligible projects to be exempted from the civic art allocation if ordered by the Board of Supervisors.

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If an individual Board office desires to modify a civic art allocation or exempt a specific project under its jurisdiction from the Civic Art Program allocation, the Board must amend the current policy to allow for an individual office to opt out of the program at its discretion.

If you have further questions regarding this matter, your staff may contact Sabra White of my office at (213) 974-1140 or Greg Esser, Civic Art Program Director, at (213) 202-5865.

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c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors County Counsel